



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Nick Penniman, Executive Director  
Alliance for Democracy  
681 Main Street  
Waltham, MA 02451

RE: MUR 5181  
Spirit of America PAC and  
Garrett Lott, as treasurer  
Ashcroft 2000 and Garrett Lott, as  
treasurer

Dear Mr. Penniman:

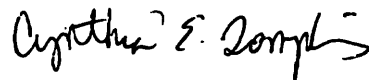
This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on March 8, 2001 concerning alleged excessive contributions made by Spirit of America PAC to Ashcroft 2000, the principal campaign committee for John Ashcroft for the 2000 Senate election. After conducting an investigation in this matter, the Commission found that there was probable cause to believe that the Spirit of America PAC and Garrett Lott, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(2)(A) and 434(b) and Ashcroft 2000 and Garrett Lott, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 434(b), which are provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On December 11, 2003, the Commission accepted a conciliation agreement with the respondents, thereby concluding the matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed the file in this matter on December 11, 2003.

Only portions of the file will be placed on the public record within 30 days. A copy of the conciliation agreement is enclosed for your information.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cynthia E. Tompkins".

Cynthia E. Tompkins  
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure  
Conciliation Agreement